Mountain Weather Forecast

Brecon Beacons National Park

Forecast valid from 00:00 on Thursday 20 May 2021 until 23:59 on Friday 21 May 2021

Forecast Issued on Wednesday 19 May 2021 at 16:56

Confidence: High for an unseasonably very windy and wet spell of weather on Thursday and Friday and for conditions to remain unsettled through the weekend and into next week. Moderate confidence for the details and timings of the rain and for a somewhat drier day on Saturday.

Headline for Thursday 20 May 2021: Becoming increasingly very wet and windy with severe gales developing over the summits.

Mountain weather hazards on Thursday 20 May 2021

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy Snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** Low Likelihood
Gales High Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** Low Likelihood	**Poor visibility** Low Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** Low Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** Low Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 600m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Cloudy	Cloudy	Light rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain
Precipitation probability							
10%	20%	40%	60%	70%	70%	80%	60%

Forecast for Thursday 20 May 2021

Weather: Generally dry through the overnight hours but becoming increasingly cloudy. Showery rain arriving soon after dawn and this becoming increasingly persistent through the morning, with heavy pulses at times. Becoming windy with southerly gales developing. Heavy rain continuing through much of the afternoon, with a few drier periods possible. Remaining very windy with gales in many areas and severe gales at height. Staying wet and very windy into the evening with severe gales continuing at height.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 600m: 40% through the morning, increasing to 60% in the east during the afternoon.

Visibility: Patches of cloud above 500m during the early hours, mainly in the south, but otherwise very good visibilities. Extensive periods of cloud above 600-700m developing through the morning, lowering to 500m at times on some south facing slopes. Some breaks to higher summits possible during the early afternoon in the east of the area, however extensive cloud above 500-600m persisting in the west of the area. Generally moderate to poor visibility through the afternoon with rain reducing visibility to a few kilometres in the valleys and very poor visibilities in the hill fog.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
600	11/15 SW	14/18 S	21/28 S	32/43 S	33/46 S	38/54 SW	38/55 SW	37/54 SW	36/54 SW
300	5/13 SW	6/14 S	10/21 S	20/40 S	20/42 S	24/49 SW	24/50 SW	24/49 SW	24/48 SW
Valley	5/13 SW	3/9 SE	7/18 S	18/39 S	19/41 S	22/47 SW	22/48 SW	21/47 SW	22/48 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
600	5/1	5/1	5/0	6/-0	7/2	8/2	6/0	6/-1	6/-0
300	6/5	7/6	8/5	8/4	9/6	10/6	9/4	8/3	8/3
Valley	7/5	7/6	8/6	9/6	10/7	11/8	10/6	9/4	9/4
Freezing Level*	1200m	1200m	1300m	1500m	1800m	1500m	1500m	1500m	1600m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Meteorologist's View

Very strong gusts of wind in excess of 70 mph are likely on many summits and ridges through the afternoon. Winds of this strength will make walking extremely arduous and may result in one being blown over. Water run-off is likely on all paths and will give wet slippery rock surfaces, particularly hazardous on steep routes. A significant wind chill will make it feel like it is well below freezing on the summits.

Recent rainfall: measured at Neuadd: altitude 353m

Recorded at	Last 24 hours:	Last 48 hours:	Last 72 hours:
14:00 on Wed 19 May 2021	7.6mm	9.6mm	20.8mm

Forecast for Friday 21 May 2021

Weather: Severe gales on the summits slowly easing through the morning but heavy rain continuing. The rain may become more showery later in the afternoon and evening.

Maximum wind: Southwesterly 45-55 mph gusting 70 mph during the early hours, easing to westerly 30 mph gusting 45-50 mph by early afternoon. Easing further into the evening.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 600m: 40%.

Visibility: Extensive cloud above 500-600m with occasional patches as low as 400m at times. Visibility will often be very poor at higher levels within the cloud, and even at lower levels rain will reduce visibilities to moderate at best.

Temperature: **Valleys:** Plus 8 Celsius rising to plus 13 Celsius.
At 600m: Plus 6 Celsius.
Freezing level: Above the summits.

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